

Santa Rosa County
Emergency Medical System (EMS) Task Force Meeting
June 27, 2000

Chief Rebel, chairman called meeting to order and welcomed EMS Task Force members and others in attendance.

Members Present:

Dominic Persichini
Bobby Busby
Bill Markopolulos
Bob Murphy
David Burnett
Bob Minshull

Staff Members Present:

Hunter Walker
Dave Ling
Peggy McDonald
Sheryl Bracewell

The minutes were reviewed and approved by the committee.

Rebel stated that a web page for E-Mail for the Task Force has been implemented and approved. Sheryl Bracewell will monitor the web page and the public has been informed.

Walker said that the meetings were published in the newspaper and web page and noted in board member agenda.

Rebel said that the EMS Task Force monthly reports go the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners monthly.

Rebel welcomed Ms. Wright and explained her purpose at the meeting was for her to go over and explain the Fitch Report in more detail for the committee. She will also answer any questions the committee may have.

Rebel introduced Bill Markopoulos, Chief of Milton Police and informed the committee that he ask Chief Markopoulos to be on the EMS Task Force as a representative of the law enforcement.

Wright explained the Fitch Report and gave a brief history of Fitch and Associates Inc. and how that Fitch and Associates would be an asset for Santa Rosa County.

Wright answered questions from the committee and discussed various comparisons in different areas to answer the questions of the Task Force and visitors present concerning the Fitch Report.

The Task Force and visitors toured the 911 Center and Vicky Lewis, dispatcher explained the procedures of how the 911 System is operated for Santa Rosa County.

After the tour, Rebel asked Wright to continue with the Fitch Report.

The Task Force asked several questions concerning Public Awareness and different ways to educate the general public on how the process works with the help and assistance of the Task Force.

Wright's response to the Public Awareness discussion was to generate public awareness information in the local hospitals in the area.

Rebel stated that being able to locate the residents is very important to the responders' call and also having the correct address.

Rebel asked if Santa Rosa County had any problems with 911 lines being tied up.

Sheryl Bracewell said if there was a problem the call would automatically be received by the Sheriff's office.

Wright and the Task Force discussed response times and ways to help the system work in a more effective way.

Rebel asked if there were any more questions for Wright.

Rebel concluded by saying it is great to have the EMS Task Force involved with different agencies to improve the County as a whole.

Rebel thanked Wright for coming and discussing the Fitch Report.

July meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 20th at 9:00AM at the Emergency Operations Center, 4499 Pine Forest Road, Milton, Florida.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by: Peggy McDonald